ANNEXES (AMENDED SHEETS) TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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which are due within a preselectable time or on a preselectable date and to which a first state is assigned, and assigning a second state to said selected invoices.

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Applying the methods, e.g. by using the system, is insofar advantageous as the introduction of this state concept greatly reduces the expenditures for search and querying the data bases and increases the system

performance, particularly if huge amounts of invoices have to be screened.

Further, the collection of outstanding cash independent of a specific customer is made easier. A company can focus its capacity of cash collection on such invoices, which are considered to be most important with respect to its turnover. The invention allows a company to have an overview over critical invoices duly before the respective due dates, so that measures to ensure

punctual payment can be taken in good time. Further,

the management of the respective company can get an
improved day sales outstanding, a better management of
liquidity, an improved credit risk management through
more transparency, better customer profiling through
company owned credit scores, better accounts receivable

25 reporting and a better communication with customers.

Embodiments of the invention are further directed to a computer system, a computer program, a computer readable medium and a carrier signal, each comprising program code or instructions for computerized processing of invoices, which a company has presented to two or more customers according to the above method and its embodiments. The invention is further directed to an electronic data structure having one or more data

35 fields fro one or more states.

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What is claimed is:

A method for computerized processing of invoices, 1. which a company has presented to two or more customers, within a computer network, comprising: - automatically selecting from a plurality of data 5 records comprising invoice data of said invoices such data records, the entry of a due date field of which is within a preselectable time or on a preselectable date and which data record has a first state assigned in a state field, 10 - automatically assigning a second state to said selected data records according to predefineable conditions, said first and/or second state being represented by an entry into a respective data field of the data record of the respective invoice, 15 and

- automatically presenting the data records having a certain first and/or second state to a network

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